

MEETING REPORT

COMMITTEE NAME: Mental Health Planning Council of Virginia

MEETING DATE: April 19, 2006 **TIME:** 10:00a.m.

PLACE: Department of Rehabilitative Services – Richmond, VA

MEETING AGENDA – MAIN DISCUSSION POINTS

1. Introductions and Announcements

Jack Wood, President, welcomed all and began the meeting. Council members introduced themselves and gave a brief overview of their affiliations.

- **REACH Update**

Training rescheduled for July 16 through 21 in Richmond

- **Medical Home Plus**

Fran Gallagher talked about technology used by Medical Home Plus that could be extended to the Council. Share Point Portal (an electronic workspace) could be a mechanism for enhancing communication for the MHPC. Jim Martinez noted that due to security restrictions they would have to check to see whether or not it would be allowable.

2. James Stewart – Update on CSB Emergency Services

James Stewart reported on the CSB Emergency Board update. He discussed various questions that needed to be answered in order to complete the report. He also discussed the different processes that were used to answer the questions and complete report. A final report is forthcoming. He is anticipating that the report will be complete in June or July.

Two additional reports are forth coming: *Group Homes and Placements*; and, *Residential Training Centers*. It's anticipated that the reports will be available in approximately four weeks (this would be sometime during the week of May 15th).

Mr. Stewart shared an overview of the Review of Virginia Community Services Boards. Pages Highlighted: 5,6,8,9,10,13(5A), 16(2A)(2b)(2c),17(3C) 18(5). Any questions in relation to this report, please feel free to call James Stewart or Jim Martinez.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Mental Health Block Grant

Will Ferris, reported on the status of the Mental Health Block Grant. He emphasized that \$4 million of the budget will be dedicated to support transformational activities (e.g. evidenced-based practices).

The Joint National Conference on Mental Health and National Health Statistics will be held at Washington D.C., from May 30-June 2, 2006. At the conference, the definitive word on latitude the states have on transformational activities will be discussed.

A draft of next years Mental Health Block Grant will be available at the June 28th meeting.

A report summarizing the result of the Youth Services Survey for Families Satisfaction was disseminated to Council members. The report highlights parent perceptions of services at Community Services Boards Dr. Molly Brunk presented the report highlights at the Council's February 22nd meeting.

B. Adult Services

Mary Kaye Johnson was unable to be at the council meeting, however she submitted an update to Jack Wood who shared information from the minutes of the adult services committee meeting. Committee meeting minutes will be posted on the MHPC website.

C. Children's Services

Fran Gallagher reported that the Children's Committee met on April 12. The committee discussed how MHPC and 330F (Children and Family Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee) are working to improve children's mental, emotional, and behavioral health care. A few highlights regarding children's issues included:

- **330F is in the process of drafting recommendations for the Governor's report. The three recommendations expand on increasing family involvement and support; expanding system of care models to eight CSBs; and addressing workforce issues by training additional child and adolescent psychiatrists and primary care physicians. These recommendations build on last years' recommendations endorsed by the MHPC.**
- **A joint committee made up of 330F members and the State and Local Advisory Team (of the Comprehensive Services Act) has been formed to look at better integrating efforts for all children whether they are "mandated" or "non-mandated".**

- **Planning continues for an upcoming conference in July, “Strong Roots For a Healthy Future” sponsored by VA INFO (Virginia Integrated Network of Family Organizations Center). VA INFO brochures and conference save the date flyers were disseminated. The conference will be held at the OMNI in Charlottesville on July 28th – July 29th. 100 family members (who will be supported to participate – lodging, mileage and assistance with child care) and 100 professionals will be participate. Registration information will begin mid May—please check the Medical Home Plus website for information www.medhomeplus.org or the VA INFO site at www.VA-INFO.org . Fran gave a brief outline of the conference.**

D. Membership

Rebecca Currin introduced the new applicants to the committee. Pierre Ames – PEATC (Parent Education and Advocacy Training Center); Vicky Hardy-Murrell- Virginia Federation of Families, Patrice Beard – Medical Home Plus, Parent Advocate, and administrative support to the MHPC; Paula Price-Mental Health Association; Betty Esler-Family Preservation Services (Christiansburg).

Alison Hymes made a motion for all applicants to become members of the Mental Health Planning Council. Motion was seconded by Fran Gallagher, and the motion was passed.

An “in-house” membership list was distributed for review. Ms. Currin noted that this list included individual member’s roles (e.g. family member, psychiatric survivor, state representative, etc...) as individuals identified themselves—this list is used to ensure the make-up of the council is in accordance with requirements and bylaws. However, when posting the membership list on the internet, the committee will be developing guidelines for posting and linking to other websites to ensure privacy and confidentiality is respected.

E. Budget

Jack Wood noted that moving forward, when MHPC committee gives a grant to an organization, the money will be provided with knowledge and trust that the receiving entity will use the funds as agreed. Grantees will be held accountable but micro-managing the funds can be counter-productive.

He also reported that there is \$2,500 in the MHPC budget. Once outstanding expenses are paid, the balance will be below \$1,000. Mr. Wood stated that he would talk with Will Ferris about regenerating money. \$25,000 will be put in the budget. He reported that bi-monthly financial reports at each Council meeting will be provided.

4. Recovery Funding to 7 regions

Jim Martinez reported on the Department Funding Plan. A copy of the Commissioner's Guidance and Funding Request Online Service Planning Next Steps report was distributed.

There was discussion that 20% of the money that was promised to go toward transformation and peer-provided recovery-based services. According to the Commissioner's Guidance, no such money is allotted. It was suggested that MHPC develop a statement to give to the commissioner stating the Council's disagreement and concern.

5. VOCAL Update

Brian Parrish discussed VOCAL's proposal for peer-run programs. He distributed their draft proposal to the committee (Recovery Services Funding Application – Recommendations)

Mr. Parrish requested that should the committee support the draft proposal, a letter of support from council to the Commissioner would be beneficial. After much discussion, Jack Wood stated he would be comfortable drafting a letter with Charlene Davidson and Jim Martinez to the Commissioner suggesting more peer-provided recovery-based involvement using VOCAL's proposed draft as examples and copying all CSBs on the letter. The letter will be completed no later than Tuesday, April 25th.

6. Crises Intervention Model.

Kathleen Sadler reported on the Crises Intervention Model. It will be for all law enforcement. The grant will educate and train law enforcement to know how to handle people with mental illness. 4 total grants – 2 grants matching \$200,000.00

7. Transformation Initiative Outcomes/Data Workgroup

Charline Davidson reported on the minutes of the workgroup. Copies of the minutes were distributed to the committee.

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The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 28, 2006 Time: 10:00 a.m. Place:

Jack L. Wood, President

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